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Subject: 2002 Aerial Sketchmapping Survey

To: Mary O'Brien Reddan, Forest Supervisor
Wayne National Forest

At this time, we are planning to conduct the annual aerial sketchmapping survey of the Wayne National Forest. The purpose of this survey is to sketchmap the location, intensity and area affected by forest pests, especially defoliating insects, diseases and weather-related damage. Not only do we want to inform you of these plans, but we also want to give your staff an opportunity to participate in both the flying and ground truthing portions of the survey. We would also like to ask for your assistance in the execution of this survey.

As for requested assistance, we would like to borrow a programmed portable Forest Service radio to be used on the aircraft. We will use this radio to notify a forest dispatcher of our approximate position and heading at 15-minute intervals. The aircraft is already equipped with a FAA approved external antennae that should allow us to maintain radio contact while flying over the forest.

We will be flying the Forest during the third week of June. The actual dates will depend upon weather conditions and availability of the aircraft. We anticipate the aerial survey and ground truthing to last 2-3 days.

Rick Turcotte will be coordinating the survey. He will be using a Forest Service-approved Cessna 210 (N30266) owned by Sterling Airways, Danville, New York, and flown by Pat Jessup, under contract with us.

We have enclosed a copy of the project aviation plan, which outlines pertinent information regarding the flight. We have also enclosed a job hazard analysis to be read and signed by anyone interested in participating in the flight.

If you or any of your staff have any questions or comments about our plans, please do not hesitate to call Rick Turcotte at (304) 285-1544.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. HAZEL
Field Representative
Forest Health Protection

Enclosures



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